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Submitted herewith is a listing of documents known to Applicants and/or their attorney in compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. These references were cited in the Search Report for corresponding international application no. PCT/EP2003/009432, mailed November 12, 2003, a copy of which is enclosed. Copies of the listed documents, with the exception of the United States patent(s), are also enclosed.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), Applicants' undersigned attorney submits the following concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language document cited on the accompanying form:

Reference B1, German patent reference DE1768826, a process for the purification of alkyl mercaptan reaction products. A counterpart English language reference (GB 1268842) is enclosed herewith and cited on the accompanying list of references as document B2.

Consideration of the cited documents and making the same of record in the prosecution of the above-captioned application are respectfully requested.

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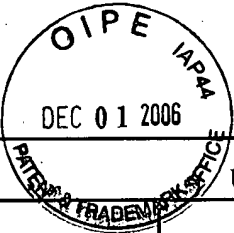
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